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For: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING MEDICAL TREATMENT SYSTEM AND
MEDICAL TREATMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in
accordance with claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition
processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an
array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into
text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

5. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in
accordance with claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition
processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an

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array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

6. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

8. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 4, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

11. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 10, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

12. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 9, wherein in the operation to read data from said storage and to

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display the data, when an unchangeable state is beforehand set to the data, said input/display device displays an item indicating that the data cannot be changed.

13. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 10, wherein in the operation to read data from said storage and to display the data, when an unchangeable state is beforehand set to the data, said input/display device displays an item indicating that the data cannot be changed.

14. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 11, wherein in the operation to read data from said storage and to display the data, when an unchangeable state is beforehand set to the data, said input/display device displays an item indicating that the data cannot be changed.

16. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said input/display device comprises a pen-tablet device.

29. (Amended) The medical treatment support system claimed in claim 28, wherein the storage is substantially all stored after depression of Lock button or an operation to explicitly close a medical report

REMARKS

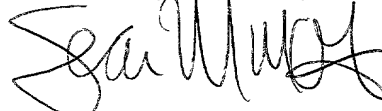
Claims 4-6, 8, 11-14, 16, and 29 have been amended to correct obvious typographical, grammatical, and idiomatic errors. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

4. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with [one of] claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

5. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with [one of] claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

6. (Amended) The application method for supporting a medical treatment system in accordance with [one of] claim 1, wherein said input/display device conducts character recognition processing for handwritten data inputted from said input means, the handwritten data being an array of values of coordinates; converts by said character recognition processing the data into text data including an array of character codes, and displays the text data.

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29. (Amended) The medical treatment support system claimed in [claim 27] claim 28, wherein the storage is substantially all stored after depression of Lock button or an operation to explicitly close a medical report

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